



Sustainability Vocabulary: Match the words with the definitions below

1. **Sustainable, Sustainability** (adjective, noun)
 2. **Environmentally friendly** (adjective)
 3. **Green** (adjective)
 4. **Climate change** (noun)
 5. **Carbon footprint** (noun)
 6. **Greenwashing** (noun)
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- A. The amount of carbon dioxide a country, business or individual is responsible for releasing into the atmosphere.

- B. Describes something which benefits the environment.
- C. When a business pays more attention to promoting itself as environmentally friendly for marketing purposes rather than on actually reducing its impact on the environment.
- D. Something that can be maintained into the future; describes practices that do not harm the environment or cause social problems.
- E. The phenomenon of changes to the climate as a result of global warming caused by the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. F. Describes something that does not harm the environment.

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun)

1. Considering that the airline industry is responsible for more than 12% of the world's carbon emissions, it was no surprise that Zoom Air was accused of _____ when it announced it would no longer be using plastic straws for drinks served on its flights.
2. The government announced a new policy to protect nature reserves. The project will be funded by a _____ tax on businesses.
3. The airline industry aims to reduce its _____ by 2030 by using a cleaner fuel source.
4. Burning fossil fuels and cutting down trees for paper is simply not _____.
5. If nothing is done to combat the effects of _____, the sea level will rise flooding coastal cities around the world.
6. I live in an _____ building; there are solar panels on the roof that provide all our energy and all our waste is recycled.